

## OAK HILL GROUP OF PARISHES

(Alderton, Gt. Washbourne,  
Dumbleton & Wormington)

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Omniscient of God

Dear Friends

Chatting to Judith after our Service for Pentecost, it was interesting to hear her story of growing up in the North of England. Said Judith, Whit Sunday, the second Sunday after Ascension Day, was always a highlight in the Church's year, anticipated with great excitement especially by the children, for Whit Sunday/Whitsuntide, was the week of the famous Whit Walks; Walks of Witness. Churches of every denomination in each town and city joined a huge procession with banners and statues and lots of children dressed in their best Whitsun outfits; the girls in white with veils and posies of Spring and Summer flowers, the boys in starched white shirts and bow ties. It had slipped my mind that the original meaning of Whit Sunday/Whitsuntide is actually about witnessing the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles of Jesus Christ.

In today's world, we now read of 'Jesus marches' – not politically motivated but celebrating Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit. This was first launched in London in 1987 before growing into a global movement spanning cities across Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas.

Whit Sunday and Pentecost are, as we know, the same holiday. While Pentecost, is widely considered by Christians to be the 'birthday of the church,' with the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and followers of Jesus, 'Whit Sunday' is the traditional English name.

With the coming of the Holy Spirit, we now journey towards Trinity Sunday, where we celebrate 'Three in one – Father, Son and Holy Spirit' after which we move into 'Ordinary Time' taking us almost through to November. It's been an awesome journey from Ash Wednesday through to Pentecost!

As I continue to write, the word 'omniscient' of God comes to mind – a word I don't usually consider – what does this mean to me?

I quote David in Psalm 139 vs 1: '*O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.*'

God is omniscient, that means He knows everything, the future, the past, and everything that is going on in this moment. He knows calculus, microbiology, English, physics and engineering etc. etc.; and I am sure he knows all about AI!

He knows the pressures of providing for a family and running a business, but more personally, he knows everything about you and me. Because God is omniscient, I can be real, I/we don't have to pretend with Him, we don't have to clean up our thoughts and emotions before we approach Him - he already knows everything.

God understands why we're upset; knows the root of our insecurities, disappointments, and our needs; he can handle our doubts, fears, and critical thoughts; he's the perfect One to guide us to peace, health, and healing.

Reflecting on peace - On the 6<sup>th</sup> June we are reminded of those, because of war, who did not find peace. On this anniversary of the D-Day landings, as Sir Winston Churchill said – 'let us remember those defenders of our Christian civilisation.' Let us, in our own small ways, hold high the torch of peace, tolerance and freedom, which they can no longer carry and indeed, today, many countries currently who sadly, are struggling to carry the torch of peace.

I pray – Spirit of God, teach the world your ways, that we may all walk in the paths of peace. Amen.

The beginning of summer is a good time in the year to take stock of ourselves and the things we belong to – the hope of better weather, both Sun and rain; the abundance of nature around us and longer days that somehow make us feel new things are possible.

God's Omniscience means all things together for our good; On the rare occasion I bake brownies, I like to lick the batter off of the spatula, but I'm never tempted to eat the raw eggs, pinch of salt, cocoa powder, or baking powder by itself, [horrible] I don't even want to eat a cup of sugar or a stick of butter by itself, but mixed together, these ingredients are delicious. Not everything that enters our life is good. But, like a master baker, God knows how to whip these ingredients together to produce something marvellous.

When we feel hopeless, we can always draw hope from God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through his son Jesus. it's important to stay in step with God - he knows where roads will lead; we don't. When his ways don't make sense to our limited understanding, we know we can trust His wisdom.

*'Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.'* [Proverbs 3:5-6]

As we commence our journey through the summer months may the gift of God's Holy Spirit fill your hearts, homes and your families with love and peace. 'Dear Father, to you all hearts are open and mine too..' Julia x

## **ALDERTON**

The Music for a Summer Evening concert with the North Cotswold singers held in Church was well attended and people said they enjoyed the range of songs that were sung. **THANK YOU** to all those who came and the sun did shine which was great after a wet few days! The concert raised £555 which was shared between Alderton and Dumbleton Churches

On **SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** there will be a **TALK BY BRIAN HOGGARD** on **Medieval Marks and Counter Witchcraft at 6.30pm in the Village Hall** then down to the church to see the marks in situ. Tickets £10 available from Sarah Hughes - contact her on [magicalmarksalderton@gmail.com](mailto:magicalmarksalderton@gmail.com). There will be a paying bar. Brian has written books on Counter Witchcraft and Folklore and history of Bredon Hill.

On **SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE at 10.30am** there will be a service for **ARMED FORCES DAY**. It is a chance to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving personnel to Service families, veterans and cadets.

**The SUMMER FAIR IS ON SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY from 1.30 to 4pm.** Once again there will be a good variety of stalls in the Churchyard and refreshments in the Village Hall.

## **GREAT WASHBOURNE**

The Great Washbourne **SUMMER EVENT** takes place on **FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**, Great Washbourne House, 6.30pm. Tickets are available in advance Karen on 07887 597792 or on the gate. Adults £15 Children £5.

Included in the ticket price is a supper of roast pork and salads followed by strawberries and cream ( a vegetarian option will be available.) The event includes live music, raffle, tombola, skittles, a cake stall and bar. We hope you can join us for the long summer evening. All proceeds are going to the church fund.

Other dates for your diary; **HARVEST SERVICE AND LUNCH** on **SUNDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**, at the church, a 12noon service followed by lunch at 1pm.

Our **FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT** will be on **SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**.

More details of these events to follow.

## **DUMBLETON**

**TRINITY SUNDAY 31st MAY** the fifth Sunday of the month when members from all our four churches gather together for one service at Dumbleton this time. Everyone is welcome.

**FATHERS DAY SUNDAY 21st JUNE at 10.30am.** Please join us for this special service when we will celebrate all that our fathers do. This is a very relaxed **FAMILY SERVICE** featuring lovely passages of prose and poems around the theme of Fathers. Bring your children along to join in as we love to see and hear them in our church, then like you, they can enjoy the refreshments after the service.

**SATURDAY JUNE 27th. "MIDSUMMER PIG ROAST" 4pm ONWARDS at THE VILLA, BLACKSMITHS LANE.** Come and join us at this Annual major church **FUNdraising** event of the year. Once again by kind invitation of Sue and Fred Invine we can enjoy the pleasure of sitting in their lovely garden eating, drinking and relaxing. The **PIMMS BAR** will be open from 4pm (Wine and Beer also) and the **PIG ROAST** will be served from 5pm. There will also be a Raffle for which donated prizes will be gratefully received. Tickets £16 on sale now from Jenny Maher 01386 881474. We look forward to welcoming you to what is always a super social occasion.

**HUGE THANKS** to everyone who arrived at the church on an extremely hot Sunday morning to help clear and tidy up the churchyard (a challenging project). We as a PCC are really grateful for this worthwhile effort which will enhance the beauty of our lovely village. Thank you.

## **WORMINGTON**

### **CHURCHYARD – NATURE WATCH – 6th to 14th JUNE**

Churches across England and Wales are being encouraged to take part in Churches Count on Nature 2026, which will take place from Saturday 6th June to Sunday 14th June as part of Love your Burial Ground Week. For more info contact Angela Piercy: [angela.piercy@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:angela.piercy@hotmail.co.uk) [www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk)

Come along to the **WVS "AFTERNOON CREAM TEA" 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2-4PM** then explore the churchyard for different trees, insects and mini beasts, flowers and butterflies.

### **OTHER WVS events**

**13th June – QUIZ NIGHT**

**27th June – BAR NIGHT**

# SERVICES FOR JUNE 2026

## Lectionary Year A

If you wish to receive personal prayer for yourself or a family member/friend after the Service, please speak to Julia

7 <sup>th</sup> June 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday [Proper 5] T1 Green	9.00am GREAT WASHBOURNE HC CW	10.30am DUMBLETON HC CW	Hosea 5.15-6.6 Romans 4.13-end Matthew 9.9-13;18-26
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June		10.00am ALDERTON 'Said Service' HC	
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday [Proper 6] T2 Green	9.00am WORMINGTON HC CW	10.30am ALDERTON HC CW	Exodus 19.2-8a Romans 5.1-8 Matthew 9.35-10.8 [9-23]
21 <sup>st</sup> June 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday [Proper 7] T3 Green Father's Day	9.00am GT WASHBOURNE HC CW	10.30am DUMBLETON FAMILY SERVICE featuring lovely passages of prose and poems around the theme of Fathers	Jeremiah 20.7-13 Romans 6.1b-11 Matthew 10.24-39
28 <sup>th</sup> June 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday [Proper 8] T4 Green	6.00pm WORMINGTON Choral Evensong	10.30am ALDERTON Service of Celebration For THE ARMED FORCES Isaiah 2: 2-4 Ephesians 6: 10-17	Jeremiah 28.5-9 Romans 6.12-end Matthew 10.40-end
5 <sup>th</sup> July 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday [Proper 9] T5 Green	9.00am GREAT WASHBOURNE HC CW	10.30am DUMBLETON HC CW	Zechariah 9.9-12 Romans 7.15-25a Matthew 11.16-19,25-end

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